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To Gaga

Extreme costumes and wacky hair make an appearance at Lumen's Lady Gaga-inspired "Bad Romance" Fashion Show at 11 p.m. Friday. The event starts at 9 p.m., and there is no cover.



To meat

Be one of the first 50 fans to meet the Blackhawks' Dustin Byfuglien (left) 2 p.m.

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To tour

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How it works: Submit a dater profile by visiting redeyechicago.com/vibin.

How we pick: Three selected dater profiles are featured on our blog every Wednesday. Readers vote on their favorite bachelor or bachelorette.

The winner: The single with the most votes gets his or her photo, profile and e-mail address published in the paper. They can respond—or not—to potential dates as they wish.



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CHICAGO'S SI SWIMSUIT CONNECTION

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Take a good look at model Brooklyn Decker on the cover of the new Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. Look closer. Hey, keep your eyes up!

That peace symbol she's wearing around her neck is a 14-carat gold necklace valued at \$655 and made by Chicago jewelry designer Lana Bramlette.

Bramlette, 35, started her luxury accessories company, Lana Jewelry, eight years ago. Her pieces are sold internationally at stores including Neiman Marcus, and she counts a number of celebrities as clients. This marks the third time her jewelry has been featured in Sports Illustrated but the first time it has graced the cover.

"For a jewelry designer, model and swimsuit designer, it's like winning an Oscar in a way, getting this huge recognition," Bramlette said.

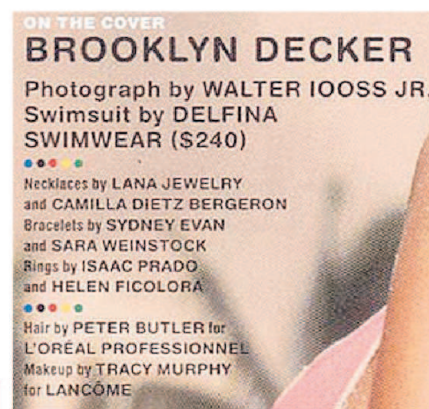
The magazine is on newsstands nationwide and on a billboard in New York's Times Square. Decker is making the late-night talk show rounds promoting it.

"It's literally like getting a free Super Bowl commercial," Bramlette said.

The designer ended up making the necklace after she was asked by a Dallas customer to do it, and she included it in her collection. It was one of the many pieces she sent to SI about 10 months ago. "Just like Brooklyn Decker, we didn't know until the moment it was unveiled who was on the cover," Bramlette said.

The issue was unveiled earlier this week.

"Everybody thought this was going to put me into labor," said Bramlette, who is due to give birth in days. And no, her first born will not be named Brooklyn, but her husband is already pushing for their second child to take the moniker.



Will you
be my
Valen...
WHOA!

Before you read this, remember that it's the thought that counts. While you're more likely to get chocolates and a card for Valentine's Day, there's nothing wrong with a little dreaming. Jim Trippon, CPA and one of America's foremost authorities on the money habits of self-made millionaires, has released his ultimate world's most expensive Valentine's Day gift list. Let us know what your significant other got you—share with us on Twitter by following @redeyechicago or on Facebook at facebook.com/TheRedEye.

1. Casa Rancho Mirage
\$16,700,000

2. Island in Angra
\$5,800,000

3. Tiffany Legacy Ring
\$710,000

4. Jean Schlumberger
Diamond Jardinet bracelet
\$320,000

5. Clive Christian Imperial
Majesty Perfume
\$251,000

6. Diamond Cut Mother of
Pearl Gemstone Globe
\$200,000

7. Fendi Selleria Bag
\$38,000

8. Stuart Hughes iPhone
3GS - 22ct Solid Gold and
Diamond
\$37,915

9. Harry Winston Three
Row Diamond Cufflinks
\$33,000

10. Diamond and Gold Heart
Paw Dog Tag
\$2,650

THE DIGIT

20 YEARS

South African lawmakers sang Nelson Mandela's praises Thursday as the anti-apartheid icon settled into parliament's public gallery for a State of the Nation address scheduled in tribute to his 20 years of freedom. Mandela (left) was released in 1990 after spending 27 years in prison and went on to lead South Africa through the last stretch of a stunning, peaceful revolution from apartheid to democracy.



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How did you score? Let me know what you think about the V-Day fail factor at **redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles**. You can log on and comment using your Facebook or Twitter user name and password, so don't be shy.

WHAT'S IN THE FILES?

Take a trip to **redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles** and weigh in on the week's hottest topics:

- » John Mayer needs to shuddup
- » Black History month missions
- » Video Interview with star of Chicago stage play "Friends with Benefits"

Dear Johns/Jons: Try our V-Day test

Oh, dreaded Valentine's Day.

I cringe in the shadow of your bright red, velvety, candy-coated visage. Those who are single should rejoice at being excused from this dog-and-pony show Sunday. Those who bear its gift-giving burden can't win, no matter how they play it.

They either forget, and risk the silent treatment, a tearful ultimatum or a (gasp) breakup. Or they remember, but give the exact wrong thing because they are clueless, careless or a combination of both.

Only a select few hold the keys to a victorious V-Day. Typically, the question is not whether you will disappoint on Valentine's Day, it's how MUCH you will disappoint. And woe betide you if your beloved puts a lot of stock in this occasion.

Let me help you before it's too late. Take this handy quiz and then add up your score to get a hint about how your approach measures up to the average John. Check the bottom of the page for our rankings. There's still time to save yourself.

This is only a test

1. You bought your beloved a gift from:

- » A boutique (2)
- » A drugstore (1)
- » A guy standing near the off-ramp of the expressway (0)

2. Your message inside the Valentine's Day card contains:

- » Heartfelt prose (2)
- » Just your name, hurriedly scrawled while driving to your destination (1)
- » Um, what card? (0)

3. You typically begin planning your activities for V-day:

- » A year in advance (2)
- » In the car after your beloved's friend covertly informs you it's V-Day (1)
- » In the hour after your beloved curtly informs you it's V-Day (0)

4. Valentine's Day is for:

- » Lovers (2)
- » Can I use a lifeline on this one, Regis? (1)
- » Suckas, yo! (0)

All done? Pencils down. See how you scored on this highly unscientific scale of Johns, from "Dear" to dumb.

Score: (6-8) "Dear John"

You know that sappy chick flick starring Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried? Yeah, I'm gagging, too. But if you scored a perfect 8, you're the John to beat. Keep it up, friend.

Score: (3-5) John Travolta

You're not fairy-tale-level sweet, but you bring to mind the obviously devoted husband John Travolta, who has spent nearly 20 years with sweetie Kelly Preston.

Score: (0-2) Jon Gosselin

You're a bloated Ed-Hardy-shirt-rocking, hair-plug-loving pile of selfishness, and your Valentine's Day planning (or lack thereof) reflects that. The greatest gift you could offer is introducing your supposed sweetheart to someone better.



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Mamie Lake sits in Star Gaze bar, which closed Jan. 1 after 12 years in business. The tavern was considered the last full-time lesbian bar in Chicago. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Lesbian bars a haven for many

Chicago Tribune

Mamie Lake, owner of shuttered lesbian bar Star Gaze, recalled the 1960s and 1970s, when police would wait outside suspected lesbian bars and round up women who weren't wearing enough women's clothing.

"The bars, they were hid away," Lake said. "But they were the only places you could go and be yourself. I got arrested plenty of times. That's just the way it was."

Bars have been a critical part of lesbian culture since the 1940s, said Jennifer Brier, associate professor of history and gender and women's studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Most historical work makes a pretty substantial claim that bars were really central to lesbians forming community," Brier said. "Not just as social spaces but also spaces where political communities are formed. Where women come together and they find each other and they're able to talk in this space about what might be possible."

Lake created a space like that with Star Gaze, especially for lesbians new to Chicago.

"I'm a native New Yorker, and when I moved here, not knowing a soul, Star Gaze was one of the first places I went," said Christina Santiago, manager of programming for the Lesbian Community Care Project at the Howard Brown Health Center in Lakeview. "Mamie was there and she didn't know me, which meant I must be new. I remember chatting with her and telling her who I was and where I was from and that I was looking for a job."

Lake referred Santiago to the Lesbian Community Care Project and told her who she should talk to about work.

"Star Gaze got me my job," Santiago said. "And you'll hear stories like this from so many different women."

Lake recalled myriad times when Star Gaze hosted fundraisers for people going through rough times.

"Every once in a while I'd look out at all these women here, dancing and having a great time, and I'd say, 'You don't know how lucky you are,'" Lake said.



'It was like a gay Mayberry'

Popular lesbian spot closes as more social options open for women

Chicago Tribune

Mamie Lake was away from her Andersonville bar and social hub for Chicago's lesbian community for a total of only 14 days from the day it opened in 1998 to last call in the wee hours of this new year.

"I opened the bar knowing there was a need for it," said Lake, 62. "It went big time. We had people moving into the neighborhood because of the bar. It was like a gay Mayberry."

For more than a decade, the bar—Star Gaze—had been an icon in the gay community, so much so that many gay women still can't believe it's gone. It was, by many accounts, the last full-time lesbian bar in Chicago.

The economy contributed mightily to Lake's decision to close, but so did shifts in the way gay women socialize. As public acceptance of homosexuality has grown, women feel more at ease gathering in places besides bars.

"There are lesbian book groups and other kinds of social spaces now where people can

find each other," said Jennifer Brier, associate professor of history and gender and women's studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Amy Maggio, a longtime Chicago gay and lesbian activist, agreed that there are other options.

"Maybe 20 years ago, when people were not as out and about, there were a number of lesbian bars in Chicago," she said. "It was one of the only ways to gather."

Still, some feel the loss of Star Gaze will leave a significant void, particularly for women new to the city or those just embracing their sexuality.

"For a young queer woman coming out or just arriving here, someone looking for community where they feel comfortable, I don't know where that place is going to be anymore or where that one bar is," said Christina Santiago, manager of programming for the Lesbian Community Care Project at the Howard Brown Health Center in Lakeview. "This is a really big loss for Chicago's lesbian community."

For gay men, socializing has long been—and continues to be—centered on the bar scene.

ANDERSONVILLE IN TRANSITION

Once predominantly populated by gay women, Andersonville grew in popularity, driving up rental costs and pushing many lesbians to other neighborhoods. More affluent gay men and heterosexual couples moved in, leading some in the lesbian community to jokingly refer to it as "Mandersonville."

But the number of predominantly lesbian bars in the Chicago area has slowly tapered off. During the past several years, two of the remaining few—Lost & Found and Temptations—shut down, though Temptations, in Franklin Park, recently reopened. And while there are still bars owned by lesbians or considered "lesbian friendly," most attract either a mix of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people, or cater largely to gay men.

"There are floating lesbian parties at different spots and there are events in different places," said Tracy Baim, editor of the LGBT newspaper Windy City Times. "But in terms of a full-time, lesbian-only bar in the city, Star Gaze was it."



TV pitchman Kevin Trudeau was found in criminal contempt of court Thursday for spamming a judge's e-mail account. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

Pitchman in contempt

Judge fires back after Trudeau launches an e-mail attack

Chicago Tribune

Tanned infomercial pitchman Kevin Trudeau has pushed cures for everything from obesity to cancer, but he appears unlikely to have a magic potion to soothe the anger of a federal judge whose e-mail account he flooded with unwanted messages from supporters.

A furious U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman gave Trudeau three hours' notice to show up in his federal courtroom Thursday and then found the Internet host in criminal contempt of court for the e-mail attack.

Trudeau sat with a bit of a deer-in-the-headlights look on his face as the normally mild-mannered Gettleman lectured his lawyer about the e-mail onslaught—all the while being interrupted on the bench as new messages continued to hit his inbox.

"Just got another one," said the judge, who earlier had turned his computer screen so attorneys in the case could see the incoming barrage for themselves. "Every time you

hear that little bell."

On his Web site Wednesday, Trudeau had asked followers to write Gettleman in an attempt to convince the judge that he's not selling snake oil. Gettleman, who is presiding over a civil lawsuit brought by the Federal Trade Commission, previously held Trudeau in contempt of an earlier court order for using deceptive practices in some of his advertising and ordered him to pay a fine of more than \$37 million.

Gettleman said that next week he's likely to impose time in custody for Trudeau and another fine as punishment for the e-mails. In the meantime, he ordered Trudeau to come up with \$50,000 for bail by Friday and surrender his passport.

"Unlike Mr. Trudeau, I do not wish to act hastily or improvidently," said the judge, who has the authority to impose a prison term of up to six months. "I want to think about what an appropriate sanction would be."

Trudeau, a convicted felon who spent two years in prison for credit-card fraud, had little obvious reaction to the prospect of having to spend more time behind bars. As he left court, Trudeau said he would say nothing "until the proceedings are done."

Gettleman said the deluge of hundreds of e-mails began late Wednesday after Trudeau posted a message on his Web site saying "Kevin needs your voice." The posting went on to ask supporters to e-mail Gettleman, listed the judge's e-mail address and asked that followers tell the judge how Trudeau had improved their lives.

The judge said the result was his e-mail and Blackberry were "literally clogged" with a collection of messages—some from people who were angry and others who "said they are watching," a vaguely threatening note that prompted Gettleman to ask the U.S. Marshal Service in Chicago to assess if any of the messages amounted to a threat.

Ethics aide suspended without pay

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley has suspended his top ethics aide for his role in allegedly bungling a student intern's sexual harassment complaint.

Anthony Boswell, the \$161,856-a-year executive director of the Office of Compliance, was suspended for 30 days without pay.

Daley acknowledged the suspension at a City Hall news conference to announce cost-cutting measures. The mayor made no further comment on the issue.

Meanwhile, Victoria Daniels, the city's hiring compliance officer who worked with Boswell, has accepted a new position as a deputy commissioner in human resources, Daley spokeswoman Jodi Kawada said Thursday. Earlier, City Hall officials said Daniels resigned.

In a recent report, Noelle Brennan, a hiring monitor appointed by the federal courts to keep tabs on city personnel practices, singled out both Boswell and Daniels for criticism. The report said the city had failed to fully comply with court orders relating to reporting potential hiring violations.

Boswell's lawyer, Jamie Wareham, said Thursday that Daley has been "given very poor advice" and should immediately reinstate Boswell. He said Boswell is an "apolitical outsider" who came to Chicago to help the mayor clean up City Hall.

DALEY ORDERS POLICE REVIEW

Mayor Daley on Thursday ordered a review of Chicago Police Department management that he said is designed to ensure more officers are returned to street duty.

Panel OKs limits on senior rides

SPRINGFIELD Free local bus and train rides would be restricted to low-income senior citizens under a measure a House panel approved Thursday to help bring in more money for transit agencies.

Making adjustments to the free ride program would generate between \$37 million and \$50 million, said sponsoring Rep. Suzanne Bassi (R-Palatine).

"The bottom line is that there's no free ride if there's no bus," Bassi said.

Under the bill, senior citizens 65 and older would keep riding for free if they qualify for the state's circuit breaker program.

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Robert Blagojevich (left)
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Blago's brother pleads not guilty

A day after his brother, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, pleaded not guilty to corruption charges, Robert Blagojevich appeared in federal court Thursday in Chicago and entered the same plea to similar accusations.

Robert Blagojevich, who ran his brother's campaign fund in part of 2008, pleaded not guilty to three new criminal counts, including extortion conspiracy, attempted extortion and bribery conspiracy.

After the hearing, Robert Blagojevich said he is looking forward to a trial.

"I'm an innocent man. I've done nothing wrong," he said. "I'm looking forward to the day I can get my name back."

He said the case has not been an "easy ordeal" and thanked his family for supporting him.

"It's the battle of my life and I'm prepared to confront it," he said, adding he was getting psychologically prepared to confront his accusers.

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Madigan: Eliminate lt. governor position

Facing criticism from some fellow Democrats over the Scott Lee Cohen primary election debacle, House Speaker Michael Madigan has

introduced a measure that would eliminate the office of lieutenant governor five years from now.

"I have thought for quite a while that the office could be eliminated, should be eliminated. And I think we have an opportunity now, with the events coming out of the primary, where we ought to be able to adopt this resolution and going forward provide that we should be without that office anymore," Madigan told WGN 720-AM's John Williams on Thursday.

Cohen won the lieutenant governor primary last week, but Sunday said he would drop out of the race. That followed days of reports that Cohen has been accused of abusing women, injecting illegal steroids and failing to pay \$54,000 in child support. Madigan has said he called Cohen and advised him to step down. Many top Democrats publicly called for Cohen to quit.

Judge rules in golf ball case

A DuPage County judge ruled Thursday that a jury should consider whether a golfer was negligent when an errant golf ball hurt someone.

Judge John Elsner said "a golfer owes a duty of ordinary care to persons lawfully on property adjacent to a golf course."

"New York and California have laws that adopt the view that people who purchase homes next to a golf course assume the risk of being hit by an errant golf ball," the judge noted, but no such law exists in Illinois.

On Aug. 25, 2005, a golf ball from the adjacent St. Andrews Golf & Country Club in West Chicago hit Lillian Demo on the head as she worked in her yard.

Naperville businessman Raymond Kinney, an "experienced golfer" according to a lawsuit, struck the ball on the 17th tee as his foursome participated in the club's annual DuPage County Republican Day.

Demo sued in 2007, contending Kinney was negligent by failing to aim properly, failing to properly execute the swing of his golf club and failing to warn her the ball was approaching. She contends she suffers migraine headaches as a result.

Child, adult hospitalized in Avondale shooting

A child and adult suffered non-life-threatening injuries in a shooting Thursday in Avondale.

The child suffered a grazed wound to the head and was taken to Children's Memorial Hospital, and the adult was wounded in the hand and taken

to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, officials said.

Both were reported in good condition.

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Unemployment numbers dip

1 The number of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment benefits fell sharply last week, a hopeful sign the job market may be improving. The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment insurance dropped by 43,000 to a seasonally adjusted 440,000, the lowest total in a month.

Mumps outbreak

2 A mumps outbreak among Orthodox Jews in New York and New Jersey has surpassed 1,500 cases and shows no sign of ending soon. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday said the count has reached 1,521.

Solar observatory launches

3 The most advanced solar observatory ever built rocketed into space Thursday on a five-year quest to shed light on Earth's star. It was NASA's second launch in four days.

Broadway staying closed

4 New York City will keep Broadway permanently closed to traffic in Times Square and Herald Square. The pedestrian plazas were created on two stretches of Broadway last year in a plan that attracted worldwide attention.

Facebook villains?

5 The British government said Thursday that Facebook had removed the profiles of 30 U.K. inmates at its request after several incidents in which prisoners reportedly used the social networking site to organize crime or taunt others.

Iran claims nuclear success

6 President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad claimed Thursday that Iran has produced its first batch of uranium enriched to a higher level, saying his country will not be bullied by the West into curtailing its nuclear program a day after the U.S. imposed new sanctions.



Ahmadinejad

Mumbai lawyer killed

7 The lawyer for one of the suspects in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack was shot dead Thursday, police and a colleague said. Shahid Azmi was representing Fahim Ansari, an Indian national accused of helping facilitate the attack on India's financial capital in November 2008.

Judge: Release Americans

8 The 10 U.S. missionaries facing trial for trying to take a busload of children out of Haiti should be released from jail while an investigation continues, a Haitian judge said Thursday.

Clinton has heart procedure

9 **NEW YORK** Former President Bill Clinton, who had quadruple bypass surgery more than five years ago, was hospitalized Thursday to have a clogged heart artery opened after suffering chest pains.

Two stents resembling tiny mesh scaffolds were placed inside the artery as part of a medical procedure that is common for people with severe heart disease.

Clinton, 63, was "in good spirits and will continue to focus on the work of his foundation and Haiti's relief and long-term recovery efforts," said Douglas Band, an adviser.

Terry McAuliffe, former Democratic National Committee chairman and a close friend of the Clintons, said Clinton participated in a conference call on earthquake relief as he was being wheeled into



Former President Bill Clinton underwent surgery Thursday to unclog a heart artery. Clinton was expected to make a full recovery.

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surgery.

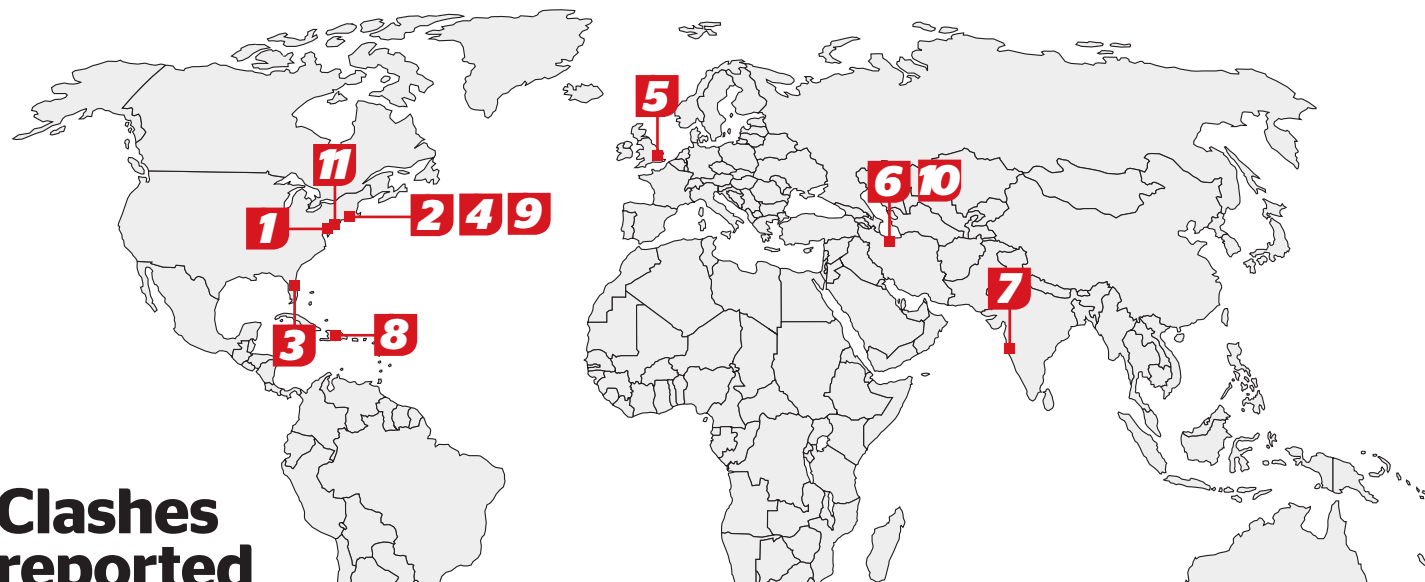
He expected Clinton to be released from the hospital Friday.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton traveled from Washington to New York to be with her husband, who underwent the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the same place where his bypass surgery was done in September 2004.

At that time, four of his arteries were blocked, some almost completely, and he was in danger of an imminent heart attack.

The need for another artery-opening procedure will not affect Clinton's long-term prognosis, said Dr. William O'Neill, a cardiologist and executive dean of clinical affairs at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

"It doesn't really affect long-term survival. It's a quality-of-life thing. He'll have to have careful monitoring, regular stress tests."



Clashes reported at protest

10 **TEHRAN, Iran** Witnesses say security forces fired paint balls to disperse anti-government protesters in one of the first clashes during ceremonies to mark the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Witnesses say riot police fired the paint-filled balls after protesters began to chant opposition slogans in Sadeqieh Square, which is about a half-mile from a huge pro-government gathering where President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivered a speech Thursday.

Witnesses say there were no apparent injuries among the several hundred protesters.

Iranian authorities have deployed a massive security force to try to crush expected anti-government rallies on the most important day of the Iranian political calendar.



East Coast still digging out

11 **PHILADELPHIA** Crews in Maryland worked Thursday to rescue dozens of motorists stranded on highways in snow drifts up to 8 feet and utility workers scrambled to restore power to more than 100,000 customers a day after a powerful storm disrupted the lives of about 50 million people from the southern plains up through the East Coast. **AP**

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Medal detectors

Illinois athletes head to Winter Olympics seeking hardware, bragging rights and glory

By Jimmy Loomis
FOR REDEYE

As the Winter Olympics arrive, so do the dreams of American athletes who made the trip to Vancouver to take part in perhaps the greatest competition of their lifetimes. Among this elite group of athletes, several with Chicagoland ties will be there to represent their country. Here are just a few of the local stars who hope to be singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" on top of the medal podium starting this weekend. **JIMMY LOOMIS WRITES FOR THEMASH**

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Hockey

As if becoming the youngest player in Blackhawks history to reach 200 points or becoming the youngest NHL player to reach the 25-goal plateau in 2008-09 weren't already career-making achievements, Kane can add making the Olympics to his list of honors.

Kane will make his Olympic debut Tuesday as one of 23 players on the U.S. hockey team.

"It's pretty special," Kane said recently after a Blackhawks practice at the United Center. "It happens once every four years, and for an American kid growing up watching the Olympics, it's pretty cool to actually be a part of them."

"It's going to be a fun experience. Just to go to different events and actually play in the games, it's going to be a real treat."

Many American hockey fans are hoping the U.S. can redeem its eighth-place finish at the 2006 Games, despite its fifth-place ranking in the International Ice Hockey Federation.

"We are in a bit of an underdog spot, but I think you look at teams like the Swedes, Finns, Canada and Russia, obviously—they've been pretty good the last couple Olympics—but we have some time here to kind of prove ourselves and put the right group together and hopefully gain some chemistry and surprise some people," Kane said.

Not all of the foreign faces will be unfamiliar to Kane, 21. Five fellow Blackhawks will join Kane on the trip to Vancouver. Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Jonathan Toews will compete for Canada while Marion Hossa and Tomas Kopecky were unanimous choices for the Slovakian team. **TRIBUNE, NHL.COM CONTRIBUTED**



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Nancy Swider-Peltz Jr. *Wheaton*
Speedskating

As the daughter of four-time Olympic medalist Nancy Swider-Peltz Sr., the Winter Games are in Swider-Peltz Jr.'s blood.

"My mom has told me so many stories. I am happy to finally follow in her footsteps," said Swider-Peltz Jr., who will compete in the 3,000 meters and the team pursuit.

"My best race is the 3,000," she said. "A goal for me is to finish in the top six. If I don't, it's not like I failed, but you never tell yourself not to reach high."

After a great summer offseason, she began on-ice workouts in September and faced a great obstacle.

"My quads killed me," she said. "I thought my chances of the Olympics went out the door."

But she met Swiss speedskater Roger Schneider while training in Milwaukee, who had experienced similar pains. His doctor, Bob Cooley, treated him with a form of resistance stretching that eases tension in the muscles.

"It was as if it was God's plan," Swider-Peltz Jr. said. "My legs felt great, and this has been my best year so far; I have learned the most."

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Lisa Chesson *Plainfield*
Hockey

As a member of the Ohio State University women's hockey team, Chesson ended her career with 89 points, making her ninth on the school's all-time list. This year she was selected for the U.S. women's Olympic team for the first time in her career.

"It is something I have wanted since they won gold in the 1998 Olympics," Chesson said.

The U.S. women's team hasn't reached the top of the medal podium since '98, but is ranked No. 1 in the world.

"Our goal is definitely to win gold," Chesson said. "Although all the teams are good, the top four are the Finns, Swedes, Canada and us."

Having finished second behind Canada in the last two international tournaments, the Americans will have revenge on their mind. That means there's no place for nerves.

"I don't let myself get distracted," Chesson said.



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Shani Davis *Chicago*
Speedskating

Shani Davis has a glow about him at these Winter Games, and this is no exaggeration. Not after a Tokyo TV crew blasted him with an industrial-strength spotlight during an interview, a flash that looked like a signal flare set off behind the backstage curtain.

Then Davis rounded the corner, the shine remaining.

With a wide and easy smile, he freely labeled this Olympics experience as a "day and night" change for the better compared to 2006 in Turin, Italy.

"I just have the mindset that I'm not going to allow anything negative to affect my feeling toward anything," Davis said. "I'm going to be positive. I'm not going to worry about things that happened in the past. I'm living from this day forward."

"In order for me to have a good games, I have to go into the games not being afraid of what's happened in the past to me, or the misconception, or anything like that. I just have to move forward and I have to keep on telling myself I'm going to enjoy it."

Davis' menu for these Olympics is ambitious. He'll be the favorite in the 1,000- and 1,500-meter races and also will compete in the 5,000- and 500-meter events. TRIBUNE

Team Illinois

Here are more athletes heading to Vancouver with ties to Illinois. AP



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Jonathan Kuck *Champaign*
Speedskating



Katherine Reutter *Champaign*
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Lana Gehring *Glenview*
Speedskating



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Evan Lysacek *Naperville*
Figure skating



Jamie Moriarty *Glencoe*
Bobsled



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Brian Hansen *Evanston*
Speedskating

Hansen, 19, makes his Olympic debut just months after graduating from high school last spring. And now as a full-time skater, the Winter Games couldn't have come at a better time.

"I spend about four to six hours a day training," Hansen said. "It's a little [more difficult] than expected."


Hansen lives in Chicago but spends most of his time training in Milwaukee. Hansen will compete in the 1,500 meters and the team pursuit, in which two teams of three skaters race at the same time.

"For the 1,500, I'm trying to finish in the top 15, and for the team pursuit we have a shot at a medal," he said.

Chad Hedrick, Trevor Marsicano and Jonathon Kuck will skate with Hansen in the team pursuit. Because of their depth, many consider the Americans a medal threat.

Medal head

Reader Marcela Garcia goes for the gold in this week's Facebook Fives. You can too by signing up at the address above.

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1 What's your favorite part of the Olympics opening ceremonies?	When U.S. invades Canada and implants its flag. One small step for man, one giant leap for Cankind.	The parade of bride-sisters by the Kazakhstan delegation.	When on the final leg of the torch relay, Ah-nold ditches that wimpy Olympic candle for a flamethrower.	The ceremonial lighting of the Russian figure skater.	When I get to see the airdancers. It really seems like they're dancing! Gets me every time ...
2 What's the coolest Winter Olympics sport?	Curling is the Super Bowl of the Olympics. I would sweep that event.	The Super-G. Just the name alone ...	Curling, a.k.a. bocce ball on ice. Any sport you can play while drinking beer is top-notch.	The Bi-curious-athalon.	Figure skating. It's "Dancing With the Stars" meets "Project Runway."
3 What would be your signature move in the NBA dunk contest?	Between the legs. Unlike Kobe Bryant, I wouldn't get caught.	I don't know about dunks, but my Bulls GM move would be the Tyrus Thomas Draft Reversal.	My two-handed dunk is unstoppable. One cookie goes in 1-percent milk and the other in chocolate. Delicious.	The "Leap & Hyperventilate."	The "ball in one hand, tongue sticking out, from the free-throw line" move. Woah ... just got deja vu.
4 What's the best competition during NBA All-Star weekend?	The HORSE competition, on and off the court. Texas ladies, lock up your daughters. And Jessica Simpson.	The celebrity game. Dream player: "Scary Gary" Coleman.	The ego tug-of-war between Jerry Jones and Mark Cuban.	The competition to see how fast you can change the channel.	The All-Star Celebrity game. I think Woods has enough lady friends to form a cheerleading squad.
5 How will the Good Ol' Boys of NASCAR deal with Danica Patrick?	Put her in a body bag, and see if America cares.	They would try to set women drivers back 50 years, but that's what her GoDaddy ads are for.	First, sugar in the gas tank. Second, a potato in the tailpipe. Finally, they'll mess with all her radio presets.	Give her a rousing round of applause as she pulls into last place.	All I know is there will be a lot of rubbing. It's NASCAR language, people. Calm down.

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Detroit crock city

Now I think we have too much Detroit DNA.

It's one thing to hire Mike Martz for O-coordinator. At least he's innovative, and it won't be boring.

But Rod Marinelli? Give me a break. He was head coach of a winless Lions team, never showed much as defensive line coach and never called defensive plays before. I'm thoroughly underwhelmed. Why not hire Wayne Fontes?

I do have one idea, though. Quarterbacks coach Kurt Warner. Let someone who's actually done it help Jay Cutler through it. All I know is Cutler is going to need a lot of help in making the transition to an offensive coordinator with, you know, a brain.

Anyway, time to get a shopping list together since we have no draft picks.

Wide receiver. I see Steve Breaston and Brandon Marshall are there to be had. I say grab both. Of course we won't, but it's fun to dream. Also, here's a fun one: Terrell Owens. Between him, Mike Martz and Cutler, the Bears would be the only team with a shrink on the sidelines.

Defense. Two words: Julius Peppers. A stud. Maybe a tad past his prime but would be good on our team. Get him. Elvis Dumervil from the Broncos is also out there; I say steal him so we at least even up the Cutler trade. Shawne Merriman. Also past his prime, but again, get him.

By the way, don't worry about the cost of any of this. This is America. We simply pass the bill on to our kids.

I'll take Dunta Robinson at corner and Darren Sharper at safety, and we should be good to go. Funny thing about Sharper—he's played for everyone it seems, except the Bears. He'll know a thing or two about all of our opponents. We'll need all the help we can get.

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The injury Derrick Rose suffered Wednesday may keep him out of the All-Star Game. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Good news for Rose

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To play or not to play?

Should Derrick Rose play in the All-Star Game?

Text **"rose1"** for yes or **"rose2"** for no to **87708**. You'll get the results instantly.

As if traveling with a sore right hip isn't painful enough, Derrick Rose's flight to NBA All-Star weekend was delayed Thursday because of the snowy weather that rocked the Dallas area.

Otherwise, mostly good news arrived for Rose, who did make it there and received more treatment after falling hard to the United Center court on Magic center Dwight Howard's foul in Wednesday's loss.

The Bulls announced the MRI exam performed late Wednesday showed "no significant injury" to Rose's right hip or lower back. X-rays taken earlier Wednesday night also were negative.

Though no definitive decision on Rose's status for the weekend's festivities has been made, two people who talked to Rose said the second-year guard, while still sore, is improving. Bulls team physician Brian Cole is scheduled to re-examine Rose on Saturday in Dallas.

Rose, who left Wednesday's game, is scheduled to defend his Skills Challenge title Saturday night and then become the first Bull since Michael Jordan in 1998 to play in the All-Star Game.

"I'm hopeful he can play," Bulls athletic trainer Fred Tedeschi said late Wednesday. "We just have to see how his symptoms resolve. We'll try to keep the inflammation down and keep his range of motion."

An NBA spokesman said there is no deadline for Rose's decision. Even if Rose can't play, it's possible he would dress for the game as it would be tough to get a replacement player at the last minute.



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I hear the Big Ten is talking to Texas about joining. How's that work? Why not ask Hawaii while you're at it. Here now, my TV picks.



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**NBA
All-Star
Celebrity
Game**

6 p.m. ESPN

Terrell Owens is the two-time MVP of this game: Most Vomit-inducing Player.

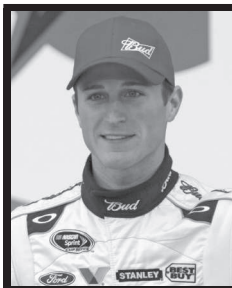
**NBA
Rookie
Challenge**

8 p.m. TNT

The noobs take on the sophs. Losers get a swirly.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL
East Aurora at
Neuqua Valley**
7:30 p.m. CSN

Let's see how they play hoops out in the 'burbs.



» Kasey Kahne (left) won the second Daytona 500 qualifying race Thursday, holding off former champ Tony Stewart. Kahne will line up his Ford in the second row of Sunday's race next to Jimmie Johnson, winner of the first qualifying race.

» The White Sox have expressed interest in free-agent outfielder Johnny Damon, a source told ESPN. Two sources said Detroit has made the largest offer, thought to be in the one-year, \$7 million range. The Sox are thought to have about \$4 million to spend.

MOUTHWATCH

"I was happy to be back on snow today. My shin was still very painful, but I feel like the injury is finally progressing a bit."

—U.S. OLYMPIAN LINDSEY VONN AFTER TESTING HER LEG IN A PRACTICE RUN THURSDAY

» W. Illinois 64, Oral Roberts 62 » South Dakota 74, Chicago St. 69 » E. Illinois 74, Morehead St. 72 » Frank Thomas expected to retire Friday.

10 last-minute Valentine's weekend date ideas to make you look like a hero

By Metromix staff

Time's up, lovebirds. Valentine's Day is here. Before you start panicking and calling your dial-a-florist to order yet another round of overpriced long-stems, take a step back and review your options. Plenty of places still have reservations—you just need to know where to look. Here are the 10 best last-minute date options we could find. But act now; space is filling up fast.

BEST DINNER AND A MOVIE Macku Sushi

2239 N. Clybourn Ave.
773-880-8012

This new Lincoln Park restaurant from executive chef Macku Chan (Kaze, Mirai, Heat) still has reservations for Friday and Sunday and offers a pricey but enticing five-course Valentine's Day menu, including tuna sashimi, strawberry-lobster makimono and a bottle of red or white wine for \$160 per couple (5-11 p.m.). The regular menu also is available Friday, so you can splurge on the \$30 dessert platter (above), featuring green tea mousse, black sesame flan and other sweet treats before catching the romantic "Dear John" at nearby **Webster Place** (1471 W. Webster Ave.).



BEST PALATE EXPANDER Bolat African Cuisine

3346 N. Clark St. 773-665-1100
Along with its regular menu, this Wrigleyville spot offers a special three-course menu of West African dishes including prawns palava that chef James Kerwin says is inspired by traditional Sierra Leone recipes. The dinner includes a glass of champagne or South African wine, as well as live jazz Friday, a cellist Saturday and belly dancing Sunday. \$45 per person. Reservations available, suggested. 6-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 7-11 p.m. Sun.

BEST BUDGET DINNER DMK Burger Bar

2954 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-360-8686
Ditch stuffy formalities for a shared milkshake moment at this burger pub from David Morton and Michael Kornick. Come hungry and score a filling prix-fixe meal of deviled eggs, lobster "love" bisque, any burger on the menu, a beer, a cupcake and even a strawberry milkshake (to share—aww) for just \$24. A black truffle and taleggio cheeseburger (\$14) also is on special a la carte. 11 a.m. Sat. (reservations not accepted). Reservations available 9 and 9:30 p.m. Sun.

BEST NIGHTCAP Bernard's Bar

11 E. Walton St., 2nd floor,
312-646-1300

Escort your date up the Elysian Hotel's marble staircase to this candlelit nook of a cocktail lounge on the second floor and make a toast to good times ahead with a glass of cava or a carefully poured cocktail such as the Brown Derby (bourbon with grapefruit juice and honey, \$14). Reservations not accepted.



BEST DESSERT Epic

112 W. Hubbard St. 312-222-4940

Slip into the first-floor lounge at this trendy new River North restaurant. All three of pastry chef Christine McCabe's dessert creations appearing on the restaurant's \$65 Valentine's Day prix-fixe menu (passion fruit creme brulee, raspberry cheesecake with chocolate mousse, hazelnut shortbread) are available a la carte Sunday for \$10 each. Lounge seating is first come, first served. Kitchen open until 10 p.m.; lounge open until 2 a.m.

BEST WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT Meze

205 N. Peoria St. 312-666-6625

Gather your girls and hit the bar at this West Loop tapas lounge for Spellbound Friday, which features sample glasses of the California winery's vinos to kick off Valentine's Day weekend. Stick around to trot the globe by way of internationally inspired tapas (\$5-\$8) such as house-cured salmon with rosemary cream, feta-topped pomme frites, ginger prawns and Thai rolls. 9-11 p.m. Fri. Reservations not accepted.



BEST BYOB BARGAIN Cafe Bella

3311 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-292-5040

Bypass high-price wine lists and prix-fixe sticker shock by booking a table at this intimate Logan Square BYOB. Usually a casual option, the restaurant is pulling out all the stops for Valentine's Day—candles, white tablecloths, dreamy music—and serving five courses (entrees include T-bone steak with madeira sauce, sauteed salmon with mango salsa and more) for just \$29. Reservations strongly recommended. 5-9 p.m. Sun.



Macku Sushi
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Lovesavers



BEST BRUNCH
Tocco

1266 N. Milwaukee Ave.
773-687-8895
Score points for sparking Valentine's romance early in the day with a first look at this intimate Italian eatery's new brunch, launching Sunday. Choose from several "pranzo" (Italian brunch) dishes, such as crepes filled with nutella or fruit marmalade (\$7), and splurge on \$15 Tuscan wine flights. For couples seeking a pre-dinner cocktail hour later in the day, hit up Tocco for complimentary appetizers (6-8 p.m. Sat. and Sun.). 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun. Prices vary.

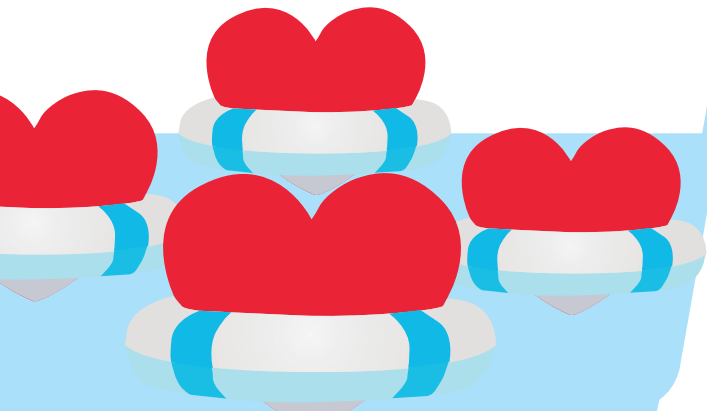
BEST DINNER AND DANCING
Tapas Valencia and The Shrine

1530 S. State St. 312-842-4444; 2109 S. Wabash Ave. 312-753-5700
Treat your date to a six-course small-plates meal for \$29.95 (4-11 p.m. Fri.; 5-11 p.m. Sat.; 4:30-9 p.m. Sun.), including stuffed grilled eggplant, a beef tenderloin-sea scallops combo and "chocolate heaven" for dessert. Bonus: Make your V-Day reservations 24 hours in advance to enter to win a dinner-for-two drawing. You might just be surprised with a free meal when you arrive. After, kick up the volume at the Shrine with old-school Chicago house beats (9 p.m.-2 a.m. Sun.) from Farley Jackmaster Funk.

BEST INDULGENT DINNER
Graham Elliot

217 W. Huron St. 312-624-9975
Want to give the impression you've been planning this dinner date for months? Call right away to snag last-minute reservations to Graham Elliot's "sexual chocolate" prix fixe. Limited seating on Friday is still available. Your reward for flexing those catlike phone reflexes is five witty, unpredictable courses of chocolate-inspired food, from ginger-crusted ahi tuna using dark chocolate to brioche pan perdu incorporating gianduia. The \$96-per-person price tag is worth playing guess-the-chocolate over a bottle of bubbly.

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Hearty alternatives

Parties and events for fans and foes of Valentine's Day

By Julia Borcherts

Want to hook up? Drown your sorrows? Set your sights on one of these parties.

Cupid's Crawl

Start: Rockwood Place, 3466 N. Clark St. 312-850-8168
Pair your restless heart—and feet—with scores of other Valentine's Eve revelers for a Clark Street stroll and singles-minded games such as "lock and key." Stops include Moe's Cantina (8 p.m.), John Barleycorn (9 p.m.) and the Cubby Bear (10 p.m.). Return to any of the four participating bars on Valentine's Day (Sunday) with your crawl wristband and get \$3 Coors Light beers and \$4 Absolut, Malibu and Jameson cocktails.
Deets: 7 p.m. Saturday. No cover. RSVP required.

Shimmer

Darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-1411
Wear your heart on your sleeve as DJ Scary Lady Sarah spins shoegaze, dreampop and other emo beats at a dark dance party. Sip \$3 Colt 45 tall boys and \$5 Van Gogh flavored vodka drinks and take home promo swag from local shoegaze bands and Valentine's-themed treats such as candies, toys, flowers and cards.
Deets: 10 p.m. Sunday. No cover.

Cupid's Ball

Spin, 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711
In the mood for bad romance? Local drag artist Phoenix O'Hara channels Lady Gaga as part of the Goddess of Love Drag Revue (11 p.m.) at this glam bash. Drag queens, go-go dancers, dance tunes and videos from DJ Bryan Smith and VJ Riley York (think: Cascada, Kelly Rowland and Beyonce) keep the party moving. Also, get X-Rated liqueur cocktails for \$5-\$6.
Deets: 8 p.m. Saturday. \$5; no cover before 10 p.m.

Hex Your Ex

Zella, 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910
Get your mojo back with a little help from you ex. Here's how it works: Bring a photo of your former lover and pin it to a voodoo doll, then seal the deal by tossing it into a bonfire on the patio. Get into the mood with \$3 Black Magic martinis. Feeling better? Share the love with a goodwill donation to benefit earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.
Deets: 9 p.m. Saturday. No cover.

The Dating Game

Wabash Tap, 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488
Seeking a fresh start? Sign up for a chance to compete for an expenses-paid date with a bachelor or bachelorette in retro contests inspired by the '60s TV show. Get your A-game going with \$6 passion fruit martinis, \$3 drafts of PBR and Point pale ale, \$16 domestic buckets and more.
Deets: 8 p.m. Saturday. No cover.

Forget Your Girlfriend Party

The Fifty/50, 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050
Clear your thoughts of all things romantic with a Mind Eraser shot (Ketel One vodka and Kahlua) and a 40-ounce bottle of malt liquor that comes in a classic brown paper bag (\$10 for both). Continue the girlfriend-related amnesia as you watch the Blackhawks vs. Columbus Blue Jackets game on 18 flat-screen TVs (4 p.m.).
Deets: 10 a.m. Sunday. No cover.

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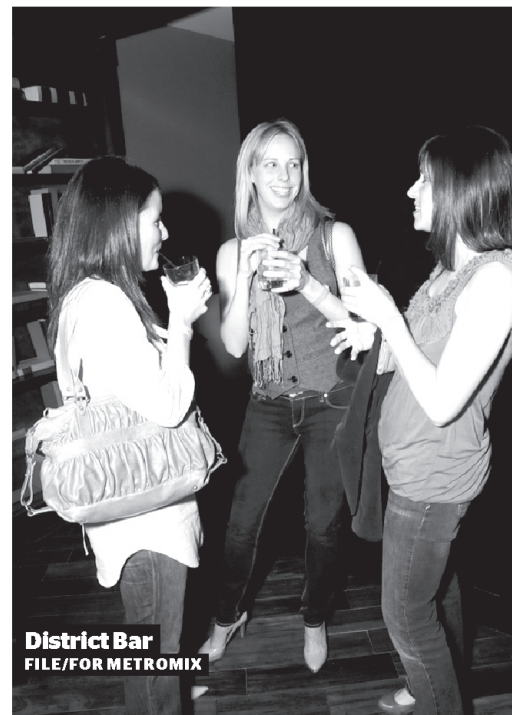
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FIZZ BAR & GRILL

\$5 Jameson cocktails; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

FRIAR TUCK

\$5 Smirnoff lemonades; 3010 N. Broadway. 773-327-5101.

GALWAY ARMS

\$5 hot drinks; 2442 N. Clark St. 773-472-5555.

GLASCOTT'S

\$5 O bombs; 2158 N. Halsted St. 773-281-1205.

HIGH DIVE

\$5 Maker's Mark cocktails; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

JUNIOR'S SPORTS BAR

\$5 strawberry and apple martinis, \$5 vodka cranberries; 2058 W. Cermak Rd. 773-203-4028.

THE ORBIT ROOM

\$5 Jager bombs; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

PADDY LONG'S

\$5 Captain Morgan cocktails; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

6 CORNERS SPORTS BAR

\$5 Jose Cuervo and Crown Royal cocktails; 1950 W. North Ave. 773-235-5700.

ABERDEEN

\$5 bombs; 1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500.

BAR CELONA AND GRILL

\$5 Bacardi bombs and martinis, \$5 paninis; 3474 N. Clark St. 773-244-8000.

BERLIN

\$5 select cocktails; 954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975.

BLACK ROCK

\$5 sweet tea vodka lemonades; 3614 N. Damen Ave. 773-348-4044.

CACTUS BAR & GRILL

\$5 Patron Silver shots; 404 S. Wells St. 312-922-3830.

CAGNEY'S

\$5 Stoli cocktails, \$5 bombs; 2142 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-857-1111.

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Chicago Auto Show

McCormick Place,
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive.

Drop Valentine's gift hints at what's billed the largest auto show in the nation, highlighting new domestic and imported cars, trucks and SUVs, plus experimental and concept vehicles. 10 a.m. Through Feb. 21. \$11: chicagoautoshow.com.

Anti-Valentine's Day Crawl

Schubas, 3159 N. Southport
Ave. 773-525-2508

Focus on liquid love at this Southport Avenue crawl to eight bars. Includes a T-shirt, \$3 Stella Artois beers at each stop, raffles and more. 2 p.m. \$10. Partial proceeds benefit the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

Puppy Love

The Copa, 1637 N. Clybourn Ave.
773-844-9296

Show affection for your one true love: your dog. The pet-friendly Valentine's Day party includes \$4 pints of Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA and free treats for pups. 8 p.m. No cover.

Swingin' Singles Party

Piece, 1927 W. North Ave.
773-772-4422

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9 p.m. \$6. Reggie's Music
Joint, 2105 S. State St.
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DRAMA JUNKIES,
CYCLE SOMETHING**

8:30 p.m. \$9. Elbo Room,
2871 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-549-5549.

**MOUTH OF THE
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8 p.m. \$7. Ronny's,
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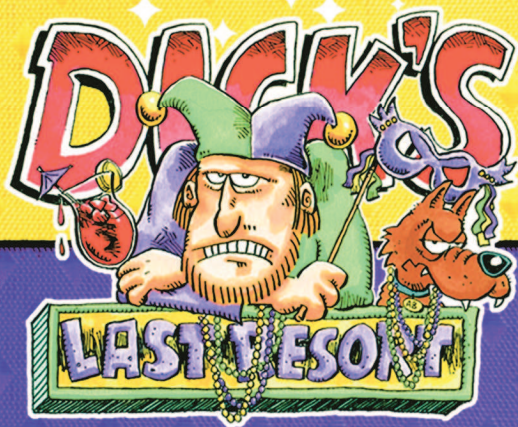
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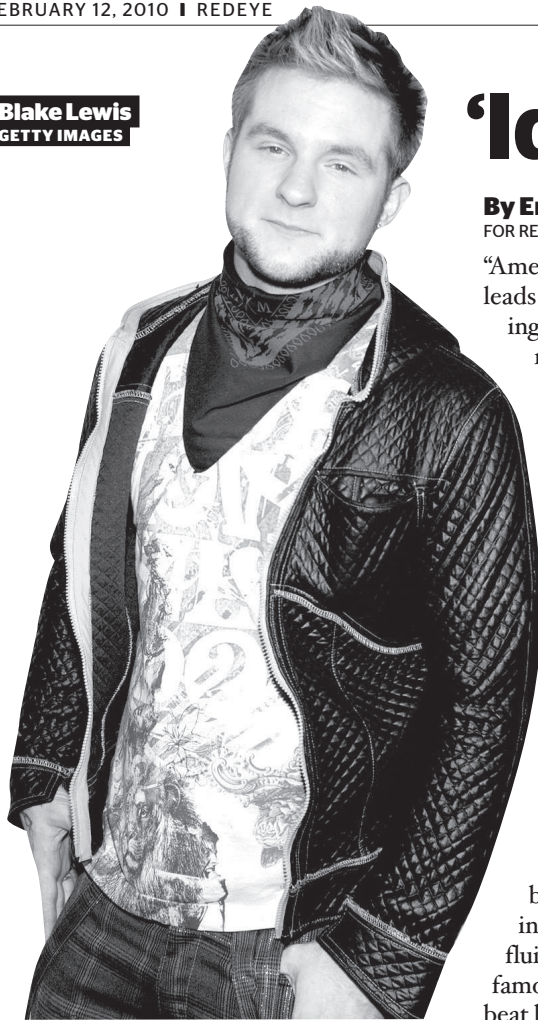
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'Idol' alum talks Chicago, beatboxing

By Eric M. Johnson
FOR REDEYE

"American Idol" alumnus Blake Lewis leads a life as frenetic as the beatboxing he smoked judges with during the reality competition's sixth season.

The singer, beatboxer, DJ and producer—also photographer, movie buff and Chicago lover, apparently—is easy to talk to, but hard to define. His 2007 debut album, "Audio Day Dream," was on the Billboard 200 for 10 weeks, according to billboard.com. In the wake of that success, he wants to keep "rockin' the mic" with his sophomore album released in October called "Heartbreak On Vinyl."

RedEye couldn't get him to commit to a specific kind of Chicago pizza or even choose between the Cubs or Sox during a recent interview. But he was fluid on what it's like being globally famous and teaching the first lady to beat box.

Do you have fond memories of Chicago or any big plans when you are here?

Going to the Bean [Cloud Gate sculpture in Millennium Park] and walking around, seeing the city ... It's a beautiful city, clean. It always reminds me of a cleaner New York. Chicago's a really vibrant city.

How do you feel about Simon Cowell's decision to leave "Idol"?

I think he is trying to duplicate "American Idol," just not call it "American Idol." I think he is trying to swoop up Paula [Abdul] to his show. That's just funny. If they are tired of doing "Idol"—and they are just pretty much going to be doing the

same thing—I think that it is kind of ridiculous ... But I think that he is a smart man and a smart businessman so more power to him.

How has life changed since you were on the show?

I am now known globally around the world from "American Idol," so things have changed in a big way ... I can reach out to fans and they can reach out to me through Twitter and Facebook and Myspace, and I can go to foreign lands and perform and it's great.

What cool experiences has "Idol" allowed for you?

I got to perform for the ladies of Congress and Michelle Obama and give them a beat box lesson. I got Barbara Walters to beat box on "The View." There have been so many great moments.

Did the first lady beat box?

Yeah, everyone tried it a little bit ... She didn't have a mic or anything [laughs]. Some people [laughs hard] were into it. The older ladies were like, "What is going on?"

Do you have anything you want to say to your Chicago fans?

Yes, come out, and thank you for all the support. I love coming to Chicago.

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'WOLFMAN' BENICIO DEL TORO SINKS HIS TEETH INTO REINVENTING A CLASSIC

By Miki Turner

FOR REDEYE

LOS ANGELES Oscar-winning makeup artist Rick Baker probably meant no harm when he suggested that it wasn't much of a stretch for Benicio Del Toro to play "The Wolfman."

"Let's face it," Baker said with a smile. "He's already kind of got the look down."

Baker has a point. The Oscar-winning Del Toro has a thick mane of hair, bushy eyebrows, perpetual dark circles around his eyes, not to mention that brooding I'm-gonna-get-you aura.

Yep, he can be a bit scary.

But Del Toro's physical resemblance to the furry beast pales in comparison to his passion for the genre. The 42-year-old has been into classic screen monsters ever since, as a child growing up in Puerto Rico, he realized they weren't all evil and destructive. Some of them were just conflicted.

"I'm a big fan of all these horror movies," said Del Toro, who is also a producer for "The Wolfman," which hits theaters Friday. "As far back as I can remember, these movies—Universal horror movies—I knew the title of the film and I also knew the names of the actors in those films. I think I knew that before 'Chitty Chitty Bang-Bang' and 'Dr. Dolittle.' These are the movies that I grew up watching. I'm talking 4, 5, 6, 7 years old."

Set during England's Victorian era, "The Wolfman" follows Lawrence Talbot (Del Toro), an actor who has been in a perpetual state of mourning since his mother died when he was a boy.

At the request of Gwen (Emily Blunt), his brother's fiancé, Lawrence returns to his birthplace, which has been terrorized by a mad serial killer. His brother is among the missing, but what Lawrence soon discovers is that all of the killer's victims turn into werewolves when there's a full moon.

This updated version of "The Wolfman" stays true to the famous 1941 version starring Lon

Chaney Jr., but with a few variations. Lawrence's pentagon-shaped wounds have been scrapped, but the silver bullets remain. Also, Lawrence has been living in the U.S. and is a little more active than he was in the 1941 version.

"He was more of a victim in the original," Del Toro said. "In our version he ... fights back and almost becomes like a detective. And the relationship with Gwen is a little closer."

"I don't mind that at all. I don't mind getting close to Emily Blunt."

Another big difference: CGI special effects were not available in 1941. While Del Toro wanted to use technology to appease fans accustomed to cinematic illusions, he wanted to stay true to the classic film. That was all part of his pitch when he approached Universal about the remake.

"We proposed the idea ... with the intention of really paying homage to those Universal classic horror movies like 'Frankenstein,'" he said. "By paying homage, I mean staying close to the story and to also have the makeup be a big component—the actor in the makeup."

Once Baker was aboard, Del Toro said, it was easy to convince the studio. Del Toro contends that part of the attraction to the monsters of the past was the makeup.

"Not only were they scary, but they were cool," he said. "They were really cool. Frankenstein had some cool makeup. Boris Karloff is fantastic in the makeup, but the makeup was also cool and I think that's something that Rick Baker understands more than anyone."

Getting into character wasn't too difficult for Del Toro, but removing all that fur was intense.

"It takes about two hours [to take off], and you could say it's painful," he said. "At some point, I stopped liking Rick Baker in the process of taking it off. But the next time he comes around and puts it on, you start falling in love with him again. It was a love-hate relationship."

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WOLF WORDS

In the "Underworld" films, they're called lycans. In the "Twilight" series they say werewolves.

- » "Werewolf" is probably from the old English, "wer," meaning man, and "wulf."
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Benicio Del Toro lets the fur fly as 'The Wolfman.'
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Emily Blunt (left) and Benicio Del Toro (below) star in 'The Wolfman.'
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!!! "You've done terrible things," John Talbot (Anthony Hopkins) says to his son, Lawrence (Benicio Del Toro). Uh, yeah: After being bitten by and transforming into a werewolf, Lawrence goes on a killing spree that's depicted in chilling, mostly non-CGI violence. Director Joe Johnston gets good turns from Del Toro, a scene-chewing Hopkins and the ever-reliable Emily Blunt, as the gal pal of Lawrence's dead brother. "The Wolfman" never rises to anything spectacular, nor does it allow Lawrence any conflicted feelings about his newfound power. The film is just vicious fun for anyone who fears mythical beasts and likes their villains fast and growly.

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600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
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Show times change daily

- **The Wolfman** (R) 2:30,5:15,8:00,10:45
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:00,3:00,4:00,6:00,7:00,9:00,10:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30,7:30,10:10
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 3:15,5:45,8:15,10:35
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 7:10 P.M.
- **Legion** (R) 4:45,10:15
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 4:15,10:30
- **It's Complicated** (R) 1:30,7:20
- **AMC Select Up in the Air** (R) 2:10,5:00,7:45,10:20
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 2:45,6:15,9:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- **The Last Station** (R) 1:45,4:25,7:00,9:30
- **Broken Embraces** (R) 4:10,9:45
- **The White Ribbon** (R) 3:00,6:30,9:40
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 1:55,4:45,7:30,10:05
- **A Single Man** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:15
- **An Education** (PG-13) 1:40,4:15,7:15,9:50
- **The Young Victoria** (PG) 1:30,7:10
- **Saint John of Las Vegas** (R) 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:00

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 10:00,11:00,12:50,1:50,3:50,4:50,6:50,7:50,9:40,10:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 10:50,12:10,1:30,2:50,4:30,5:30,7:20,8:15,10:10,11:10
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 10:20,11:10,1:20,2:00,4:20,5:10,7:10,8:00,10:20,11:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 9:50,12:30,3:20,6:30,9:20
- **From Paris With Love** (R) ★ 11:45,2:40,5:20,8:30,11:00
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:10,1:00,4:00,7:15,10:00
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 9:45,3:40,9:10
- **Legion** (R) 10:40,4:40,10:45
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 11:30,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:15
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:40,7:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 10:30,12:00,2:20,3:30,6:05,7:00,9:30,10:30
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 12:20,6:15

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:10
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 5:30,7:45,10:00
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Up in the Air** (R) 5:00,7:20,9:45

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **The Wolfman** (R) 10:00,11:15,12:30,1:45,3:00,4:15,5:30,6:45,8:15,9:30,10:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 10:15,1:10,4:00,7:00,9:45
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 11:00,2:00,4:45,7:40,10:30
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 11:50,2:20,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 10:45,1:00,3:15,5:30,7:45,10:10
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:40,1:30,4:10,6:50,9:40
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 11:20,1:40,4:05,6:30,9:15
- **Legion** (R) 11:05,1:40,4:10,6:40,7:30,9:00,10:00
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) 10:20,1:20,4:20,7:15,10:15
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 10:10,12:25,2:45,5:00
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 10:05,12:20,2:30,4:40,7:00,9:10
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 10:50,2:15,5:45,9:20

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

- **The Messenger** (R) 6:00,8:00
- **Singin' in the Rain** (G) 6:00 P.M.
- **Life as Lincoln** (NR) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:10,4:10,6:15,8:20
- **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) 2:05,4:05,6:05,8:10
- **Up in the Air** (R) 2:05,4:15,6:25,8:40
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:15,5:50,8:30

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 4:35,9:35,12:00
- **Fish Tank** (NR) 4:25,7:05
- **The Room** (NR) 8:00,11:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **AMC Select My Name Is Khan** (NR) 2:30,6:10,9:50
- **AMC Select Preacher's Kid** (PG-13) 2:20,5:10
- **AMC Select The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 7:50,10:30
- **AMC Select Nine** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 7:15,10:15
- **AMC Select Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire** (R) 2:50 P.M.
- **Titanic** (PG-13) 6:45,10:45

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **The Wolfman** (R) 11:15,12:15,2:00,3:00,4:50,5:50,7:45,8:45,10:45,11:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 10:00,1:10,4:20,7:30,10:40
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 10:15,11:30,12:30,1:30,2:45,3:45,4:45,6:00,7:00,8:00,9:20,10:20,11:20
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 10:25,12:25,1:25,3:25,4:25,6:25,7:25,9:30,10:30
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 11:00,1:45,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 11:35,2:15,4:55,7:35,10:05
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:45,1:40,4:35,7:40,10:35
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 10:10,12:40,3:15,6:05
- **Legion** (R) 8:50,11:30
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 10:20,1:15,4:05,10:15
- **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) 6:55 P.M.
- **It's Complicated** (R) 1:00,7:10
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) 10:05,4:10,10:25
- **AMC Select A Single Man** (R) 11:05,1:55,4:40,7:20,10:00
- **AMC Select Up in the Air** (R) 11:10,2:05,5:00,7:55,10:50
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 10:30,11:40,12:45,2:20,3:20,4:40,6:15,7:15,8:30,10:10,11:00
- **AMC Select Crazy Heart** (R) 11:20,2:10,5:05,8:05,10:55
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:05,7:05
- **AMC Select An Education** (PG-13) 10:35,4:15,10:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 10:00,11:00,12:50,1:50,3:50,4:40,6:50,7:30,9:40,10:15,12:20
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 10:40,11:20,1:30,2:10,4:20,4:50,7:10,7:40,9:50,10:20,12:15,12:50
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 10:10,11:10,12:20,1:00,2:00,3:20,4:10,5:00,6:40,7:20,8:20,9:30,10:10,11:40,12:30,1:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 10:30,11:15,1:10,2:20,4:00,5:10,6:45,7:50,9:20,10:35,12:01
- **From Paris With Love** (R) ★ 9:45,12:30,3:10,5:30,8:10,10:25,12:45
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) ★ 1:50,12:40,3:40,6:20,9:15,12:10
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 9:40,12:10,2:30,5:15,8:00,10:40,12:55
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 10:50,1:40,4:30,7:15,9:55,12:40
- **Legion** (R) 9:10,11:45
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 10:45,1:20,3:45,6:15
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:15,12:45,3:15,6:10,9:00,11:50
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:30,12:00,8:00,3:30,6:30,7:00,10:00,10:30
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 10:20,1:15,4:45,8:15,11:30

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,11:00,12:15,1:15,2:00,3:15,4:15,5:00,6:15,7:20,8:00,9:15,10:15,11:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 10:50,12:45,1:45,3:30,4:20,6:30,7:30,9:30,10:10
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:00,10:05
- **It's Complicated** (R) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40
- **Up in the Air** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:10,8:10,10:45
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:50,10:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 9:45,12:40,3:40,6:40,9:45

SHOWPLACE 14 GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 12:50,1:45,3:50,4:45,6:50,7:30,9:40,10:15
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 1:00,1:50,4:00,4:50,6:45,7:40,9:30,10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:30,7:50,10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,4:10,7:15,9:50
- **From Paris With Love** (R) ★ 2:40,5:15,8:00,10:35
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 12:30,3:20,6:30,9:20
- **Legion** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40,3:45,6:20,9:00
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:00
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:15,4:40,7:20,9:55
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 12:45,3:40,6:40,9:10
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 12:50,1:45,3:50,4:45,6:50,7:30,9:40,10:15
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 1:00,1:50,4:00,4:50,6:45,7:40,9:30,10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 12:45,1:40,3:40,4:30,6:40,7:50,9:45,10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,4:10,7:15,9:50
- **From Paris With Love** (R) ★ 2:40,5:15,8:00,10:35
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 12:30,3:20,6:30,9:20
- **Legion** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:10
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- **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) 7:20,10:20
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:15,4:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:50,6:50,9:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 10:40,11:20,1:40,2:20,4:30,5:15,7:10,8:15,9:50,11:10
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,11:00,12:10,1:10,2:00,3:10,4:15,5:00,6:20,7:20,8:00,9:20,10:20,11:00
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- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 10:20,1:20,4:20,7:15,10:10

VIP Premium 21+

- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 11:00,2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) **VIP Premium 21+** 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 1:35,4:10,6:45,9:20
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:10,9:55
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 12:45,3:00,5:25,8:00,10:30
- **Dear John** (PG-13) ★ 11:50,2:15,4:40,7:05,9:30
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 4:15,9:05
- **Crazy Heart** (R) ★ 11:50,2:15,4:45,7:15,9:45
- **Up in the Air** (R) 2:00,6:45
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:50,3:10,6:30,9:50

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123

- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 11:20,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 11:25,1:05,2:00,3:40,4:35,6:15,7:10,8:50,9:45
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 12:15,2:50,5:25,8:00,10:35
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 11:40,1:30,2:30,3:30,4:30,5:30,6:35,7:30,8:30,9:30,10:25
- **A Single Man** (R) 12:20,2:55,5:20,7:50
- **An Education** (PG-13) 12:15,2:45,5:15,7:45,10:15
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- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 4:25,10:10
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- **Legion** (R) 10:20 P.M.
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 12:30 P.M.
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:40,7:20
- **The Last Station** (R) ★ 11:20,2:10,5:05,7:40,10:30
- **Up in the Air** (R) 11:30,1:55,4:45,7:25,10:05
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 11:50,2:20,4:40,7:05,9:35

Romantic reality

Sorting out stars' real-life Valentines

Sure, the stars get frisky on screen in "Valentine's Day," opening Friday. But we want to know what's really going on. RedEye peers into the gossip mags to decipher the relationship status of the movie's all-star cast.

FAST-PAISED
'Valentine's Day'
(PG-13)

"This is probably how it feels to be strangled with a candy necklace."

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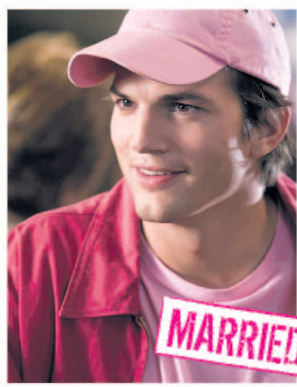
Taylor Swift

We can buy that she was just friends with co-star Taylor Lautner. But these rumors about a romance with John Mayer? We need evidence.



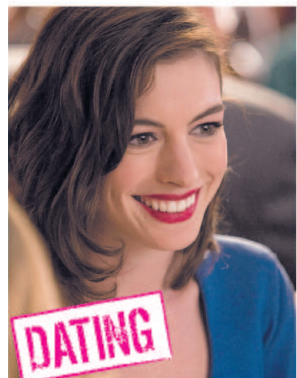
Jennifer Garner

This is the true Bennifer. Garner has been married to Ben Affleck for almost five years. (Take that, J-Lol)



Ashton Kutcher

Has it been four years since they tied the knot? Yep, Kutcher's really settling into that role as Mr. Demi Moore.



Anne Hathaway

Anne Hathaway has been dating actor Adam Shulman since 2008 but told British GQ that Jennifer Garner is Hollywood's best kisser.



Jessica Biel

Forget those rumors about a hookup with Lupe Fiasco. That's nonsense, the Chicago MC recently told **mtv.com**. She's Justin Timberlake's girl.



Eric Dane

McSteamy of "Grey's Anatomy" is hitched to actress Rebecca Gayheart, but that doesn't stop the couple from lounging with friends in the buff.

Bradley Cooper

The "Hangover" star is seeing Renee Zellweger, and the two recently appeared together at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, according to **people.com**.



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Fridays
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Tommy Wiseau (left) and Greg Sestero



Bad to the (funny) bone

By Matt Pais
METROMIX

"The Room" is a terrible, terrible film. That's why people love it.

The new cult favorite only gets funnier the more you think about its ineptitude, but it's tough to capture the drama/accidental comedy's idiosyncrasies for anyone who hasn't seen it.

On paper it's a basic story of betrayal, in which Johnny (writer-director Tommy Wiseau) begins to suspect that his fiancée, Lisa (Juliette Danielle), is sleeping with his best friend, Mark (Greg Sestero). So far, nothing out of the ordinary.

Then you have to mention the multiple framed photos of spoons in the background; the male characters playing catch with a football while standing three feet apart; the painfully non-erotic sex scenes; or the breast cancer- and drug-related subplots that are brought up and quickly discarded.

Perhaps "The Room" is not a typical movie after all. Since its 2003 debut in L.A., it has gained increased notoriety and fans who dress up as characters and play catch football during screenings.

Interviewing Wiseau can be as confusing as watching his film. Early in the phone conversation, the New Orleans-born Wiseau—who claims to be 40 1/2, speaks with a thick, difficult-to-identify accent and says his heritage includes French, Cajun, German, Polish and European—says, "The rules of the interview, let me just give you very quickly. We don't have no rules. I am yours." The following is the only sensible way to recap our exchange.

'The Room'

What: Writer-director Tommy Wiseau will present his film.

When: 8 p.m. (sold out) and 11:30 p.m. Friday screenings

Where: The Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave.

Wiseau says:

» Cast members who claim he is lying that the film is intended as a black comedy misunderstood his intentions. For similar reasons he changed the film's crew four times, firing people who tried to change the script.

» The main message of the film is "two's better than three and three's a crowd," and that the film is perfect for Valentine's Day weekend because it brings couples closer together. "[A] person said to me that our relationship basically was the same as in 'The Room' but we are much stronger now."

» You have to see the film at least seven times to pick up on all its symbolism. Also: "I believe very strongly that 'The Room' eliminates, in certain degree, crime in America because a young person can go to see 'The Room' [and] express themselves. We have fewer and fewer places in America to express ourselves."

» "There's nothing wrong to play football three feet away if that's what you want to do," he says of the close-proximity football. "I prefer a distance if you ask me. [Laughs] The distance is better but that happened to me on the last Q&A. People have a football they want me to play within three feet apart. I say, 'Give me some space here!' It was hilarious. In Chicago, when people have a football I'll probably be one of the first one to play it."

» "Thank you for laughing, Matt. I commend you," he says when he hears me laughing.

» He wants to make the film into a Broadway musical: "Oh, absolutely. I am for it. If you know someone, please let me know. We need a lot of money. Absolutely, that's my passion to do it, yes."

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**'PERCY
JACKSON
AND THE
OLYMPIANS:
THE LIGHTNING
THIEF' (PG)**



Sitting in Greek history class would be more fun

Greek gods Zeus and Poseidon are mad because someone stole the lightning from the sky. It wasn't Poseidon's son Percy (Logan Lerman), who's half-mortal and half-god, but the kid still leads a team of young heroes into Hell to save Percy's mom (Catherine Keener) and convince the devil that he and his pals are no thieves.

The buzz: Ads touting the film as "From the director of the first two 'Harry Potter' movies" neglect to mention that Chris Columbus' Potter films are by far the series' dullest. Though there are four more books in Rick Riordan's series of "Percy Jackson" novels, big-screen flops such as "The Golden Compass" and "The Spiderwick Chronicles" have shown that sometimes franchises-to-be are actually one and done.

The verdict: The disappearance of lightning simply is not interest-



**Uma Thurman
in 'Percy'**

ing, and "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" sounds more like a '70s funk band than a kids' series. That's one of many distracting thoughts that may float into your head during the overlong "Percy," whose effects are so lame and characters are so bland young viewers won't envy their

adventure. Though kids may develop fond feelings toward Hell when seeing life there means hanging with Rosario Dawson (as Persephone), whose performance is as classy as Pierce Brosnan's (as a centaur) and Uma Thurman's (as Medusa) are embarrassing.

||||| 'The Room'

Fans have embraced the blatant awfulness of "The Room," but it's extremely uncomfortable to watch. Writer-director Tommy Wiseau's performance as Johnny is simply strange, and the acting by Juliette Danielle (as Johnny's bored fiancée Lisa) and Greg Sestero (as Johnny's best friend Mark, who's sleeping with Lisa) isn't much better. Much of the film takes place in awkward scenes set in Johnny and Lisa's living room. More poorly executed are the multiple soft-core sex scenes between Johnny and Lisa and Lisa and Mark. The ridiculous dialogue and the male characters' unusual fondness for playing close-up catch with a football more than justifies the film's cult following. That's something Wiseau insists is actually a sign that the "black comedy" works. Nothing about "The Room" suggests its flaws are deliberate, but it's an immensely curious experience nonetheless.



Wiseau

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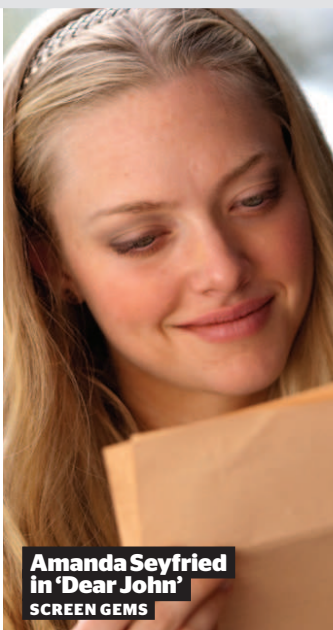
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kelmay

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Hurdler4eva

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**Brian J. Smith
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'SGU' star says he doesn't play a slut

Lt. Matthew Scott is not—repeat not—a horn dog.

"If you ask me, he's had sex with three people his whole life," said Brian J. Smith, the actor who plays Scott in "Stargate Universe." "We just happened to meet [all his partners] in the show."

Smith is referencing one of the complaints about the latest series in the "Stargate" franchise, which returns to Syfy for the rest of its freshman season in April. "SGU 1.0," the DVD and Blu-ray set of the first half of the season, came out Tuesday.

Many viewers were angered that in the "SGU" series premiere Scott was shown having sex in a broom closet with a female soldier. Later we learn about two other sex partners—past and present.

The scenes make complete sense for his character, according to Smith, who he believes is a bit lost, alone and searching for a connection that he finally finds with Chloe Armstrong (Elyse Levesque).

"It's just assumed that he can't keep it in his pants," he said of one misconception of Scott. "I think we've made it very clear that with him and Chloe there's an emotional attachment. Their relationship is based on a kind of shared pain. And it's not about sex; it's not about getting off."

Smith's defense of his character makes complete sense: The Julliard-trained actor likes him as much as many fans do.

"I always saw him as incredibly noble," he said. "There's something very, very noble about him, and he's a thinker."

As the "SGU" begins, newly minted officer Scott is thrown into a leadership role when his superior, Col. Everett Young (Louis Ferreira), is injured. He has to step out of his comfort zone to take care of the civilians and soldiers now trapped on the unknown and mysterious space ship Destiny.

Smith, who will return to Vancouver after the Olympics to begin work on Season 2 of "SGU," told me that Young leans on Scott even more in upcoming episodes. Scott will go through some difficult tests, Smith said, the kind that the 27-year-old actor claims he would not pass.

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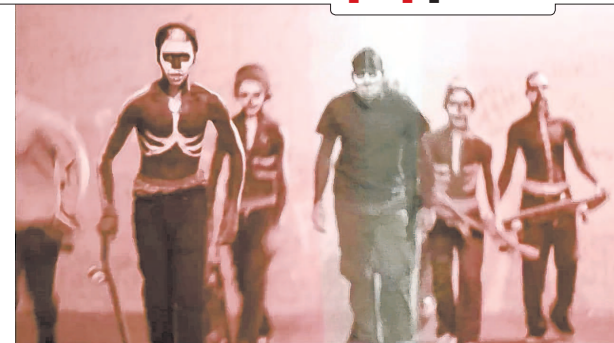


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Setup: It's Valentine's Day, and you feel like spicing things up in the bedroom.

How do you persuade your partner it's time to try new things?



Let's define 'try new things'

This all depends on what you mean by "try new things." There are two types of people who say this. The first says this phrase and means that the couple should try having sex in the kitchen or employ whipped cream or some other innocuous bedroom behavior they heard about in an episode of "Coach." The second type actually wants to try new things—like being tied to a chair and manhandled by your latex gloved-partner while a distant relative (nothing gross; like a third cousin maybe) videotapes the entire thing, sending it via live feed to a TV positioned just above the yawning maw of a stuffed boar. This second type hates the phrase "try new things" because he or she knows that it just means "do it in the kitchen and use whipped cream." Meanwhile, he or she has been thinking about that stuffed boar for years.

OFF THE MARKLEYBLOGGER STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



What's your partner's comfort zone?

You need to know your partner's threshold for sexual experimentation. If he is up for anything, then it shouldn't take much convincing to get him to dress like a Manga character and wield a can of PAM cooking spray and bag of kitty litter. But if he's skittish, then pick something just outside his comfort zone—nothing too crazy—and skip the ahead-of-time convincing. Show up with the paddle or jalapeno lube or whatever and go for it. Once you are both in the moment, his inhibitions will melt away. It's better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission, especially if the repentant choirboy role-playing is part of your desire to try new things.

COLUMNIST JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Always ask for what you want

This is pretty easy from the girl's position. You just show up—wearing the nurse's costume, with body chocolate, massage oils, a scented candle, handcuffs and/or a swing, whatever you're into! Say, "This is what we're doing tonight." It's a win-win situation. You're enlivening things and his fantasy just walked through the door wearing stilettos. The reality is that we choose partners based on a series of matches. If you like or want something, there is a high likelihood that he feels the same way. The dumbest thing we do is not ask for what we want. In the end, if it's not good, you just go.

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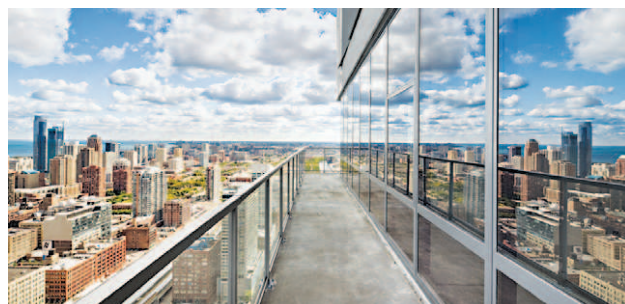


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- 24 Pull hard
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- 30 Respond to a stimulus
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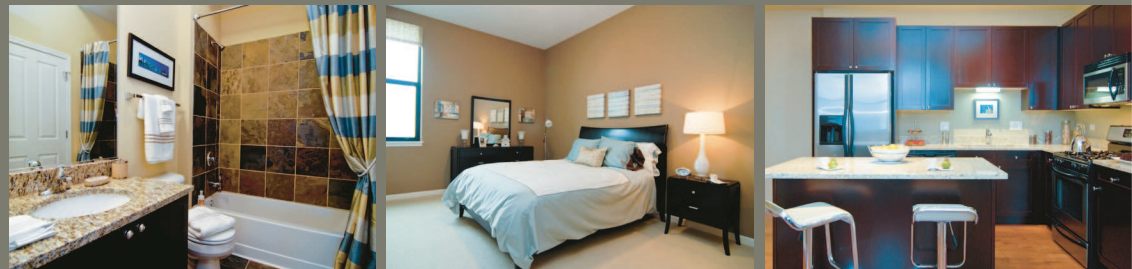
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ALEXANDER MCQUEEN 1969-2010

Quiet man, dramatic creations

Associated Press

His runway shows often were like performance pieces: One featured models with headwear made of trash. Another showed off 10-inch heels shaped like lobster claws.

At the pinnacle of his success, British fashion designer Alexander McQueen was found dead in his London home Thursday, days after posting anguished online remarks about the death of his mother. He was 40.

The circumstances pointed to a possible suicide, but there was no confirmation from police or McQueen's publicists. Authorities said the death was not suspicious, apparently ruling out foul play.

McQueen is credited with helping revive the once-moribund British fashion industry. His edgy pieces were coveted and treasured by stylish women across the globe and seen on numerous red carpets. Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour called McQueen "one of the greatest talents of his generation."

McQueen did not design for the celebrities, but they flocked to him for the sheer audacity of his creations, which were instantly recognizable for being dramatic, exquisitely tailored and oh-so sexy.

A stunning dress for Sandra Bullock? A special order for Madonna? Something special for Kate Moss or Naomi Campbell?

All these feats seemed easy for the quiet, slim, bearded Englishman who shunned publicity and laughed off the limelight. Lady Gaga recently made waves when she wore McQueen's spring 2010 lobster-claw shoes in her "Bad Romance" music video.

He also was responsible for one of history's most famous "wardrobe malfunctions." He designed Janet Jackson's Super Bowl outfit, which was ripped open while she was singing, revealing one of her breasts.

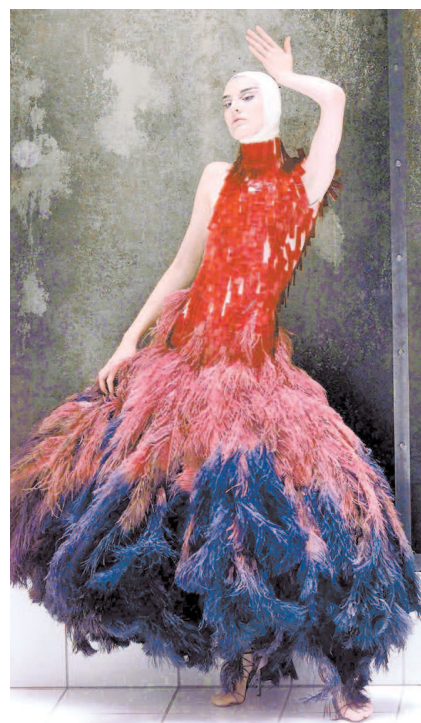
Victoria Beckham told **usmagazine.com**: "He made all he touched beautiful and will be desperately missed. My heart is very much with his family and friends at this very sad time."

News of his death broke at the start of New York Fashion Week and sent shock waves through the Bryant Park tents. A presentation of McQueen's secondary label, McQ, had been scheduled for Thursday, but it quickly was canceled.

In the usually glad-handing fashion world, McQueen was known as a private man who shunned the limelight. He turned down most interview requests and did not cultivate a cult of personality or try to develop an air of mystery about his work.

"In a world where every man and his dog is a designer, Alexander McQueen was the real deal," said celebrated hat maker Philip Treacy. "His talent was supersonic."

MCQUEEN'S WORK



Lobster claw



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U2 drummer heads to 'Cleveland'

Kanye West isn't the only music type lending voice talents to "The Cleveland Show." U2 drummer Larry Mullen Jr. also is joining the fun, the BBC reports. "He came in and we hung out for a couple of hours," said Mike Henry, the voice of Cleveland Brown. "We just recorded him doing a couple of different parts and he was very funny."



Beer belly centerfold

"Real Housewives of New York City" star Kelly Bensimon got real naked for the Playboy issue that hits newsstands Friday. She revealed her photo shoot prep to **usmagazine.com**: "I literally drank beer—Corona—and ate chicken wings for two weeks!"

Mayer tries to extinguish napalm

John Mayer had a little meltdown at his concert Wednesday in Nashville. After being shredded all day for offensive comments he made in Playboy magazine, he halted the show and launched into a long, rambling apology and self-examination of his heart and soul. As for ex-girlfriend Jessica Simpson, to whom Mayer referred as "sexual napalm," a **tmz.com** video shows the pop star laughing off the description, followed by a hurried "no comment."

Alec Baldwin in, out of hospital

Alec Baldwin was taken to a New York hospital Wednesday after his teen daughter said he threatened to take pills during an argument on the phone, the AP reports. The "30 Rock" star was released an hour later. His spokesman chalked it up to a "misunderstanding," adding that, "he's completely fine and is at work today."



Fergie
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Fergie takes hot spot

Jennifer Aniston may have an awesome figure, but apparently it isn't hot enough to keep her on top as Hollywood's most desired body. On the annual Famed Hottest Looks, compiled by Beverly Hills plastic surgeons Richard Fleming and Toby Mayer, Fergie is No. 1. Gisele Bundchen and Olivia Wilde follow the Fergalicious one.



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